THE INDIAN NAVY

INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR VARIOUS ENTRIES - JAN 2026 (ST 26) COURSE

Apply Online from – 08 Feb 25 **Last date for Online Application – 25 Feb 25**

1. Applications are invited from eligible unmarried men and unmarried women candidates for grant of Short Service Commission (SSC) for course commencing **Jan 2026 onwards** at Indian Naval Academy (INA) Ezhimala, Kerala. Candidates must fulfill conditions of nationality as laid down by the Government of India.

Eligibility Conditions

2. **Educational Qualifications**.

	Ser	Branch/ Cadre	Eligible streams of Bachelor of Engineering/ Bachelor of Technology and Other Qualifications	Vacancy	Gender	Born Between (Both Dates inclusive)
EXECUTIVE BRANCH	(a)	Executive Branch {GS(X)/ Hydro Cadre}	BE/ B.Tech in any discipline with minimum 60% marks.	60 (including 08 Hydro)	Men and Women {maximum of 10 vacancies in GS (X) and 02 vacancy in Hydro for women}	02 Jan 2001 to 01 Jul 2006*
	(b)	Pilot	BE/ B.Tech in any discipline with minimum 60% marks. (Candidate must have 60% aggregate marks in class X and XII and minimum 60% marks in English in class X or class XII).	26	Men and Women (maximum of 05 vacancies for women)	02 Jan 2002 to 01 Jan 2007**
	(c)	Naval Air Operations Officer (Observers)		22	Men and Women (maximum of 05 vacancies for women)	02 Jan 2002 to 01 Jan 2007
	(d)	Air Traffic Controller (ATC)		18	Men and Women	02 Jan 2001 to 01 Jan 2005
	(e)	Logistics	(i) BE/ B.Tech in any discipline with First Class or (ii) MBA with First Class, or (iii) B.Sc/ B.Com/ B.Sc.(IT) with First class along with PG Diploma in Finance / Logistics / Supply Chain Management / Material Management, **or** (iv) MCA/ M.Sc (IT) with First Class.	28	Men and Women (maximum of 06 vacancies for women)	02 Jan 2001 to 01 Jul 2006
EDUCATION BRANCH	(f)	Education	(i) 60% marks in M.Sc. (Maths/ Operational Research) with Physics in B.Sc.	7	Men and Women	02 Jan 2001 to 01 Jan 2005
			(ii) 60% marks in M.Sc. (Physics/ Applied Physics) with Maths in B.Sc.			
			(iii) 60% marks in M.Sc. Chemistry with Physics in B.Sc.			
			(iv) BE/ B.Tech with minimum 60% marks in Mechanical Engineering	8	Men and Women	02 Jan 2001 to 01 Jan 2005
			(v) BE/ B.Tech with minimum 60% marks (Electrical/ Electronics & Communication Engg)			
			(vi) 60% marks in M Tech from a recognized University/Institute in any of the following disciplines:- (a) M Tech in Thermal/ Production Engineering/ Machine Design (b) M Tech in Communication System Engg/ Electronics & Communication Engg/ VLSI/ Power System Engg		Men and Women	02 Jan 1999 to 01 Jan 2005
			Note : Candidates applying for the Education entry must have scored minimum of 60% marks in class X and class XII and minimum 60% marks in English in class X or class XII.			
TECHNICAL BRANCH	(g)	Engineering Branch {General Service (GS)}	BE/ B.Tech with minimum 60% marks in the following streams :- (i) Mechanical/Mechanical with Automation (ii) Marine Engineering (iii) Instrumentation Engineering (iv) Production Engineering (v) Aeronautical Engineering (vi) Industrial Engineering & Management (vii) Control Engineering (viii) Aero Space Engineering (ix) Automobiles Engineering (x) Metallurgy Engineering (xi) Mechatronics Engineering (xii) Instrumentation & Control	38	Men and Women (maximum of 08 vacancies for women)	02 Jan 2001 to 01 Jul 2006*
	(h)	Electrical Branch {General Service (GS)}	BE/ B.Tech with minimum 60% marks in the following streams :- (i) Electrical Engineering (ii) Electronics Engineering (iii) Electrical & Electronics (iv) Electronics & Communication (v) Electronics & Tele Communication (vi) Tele Communication (vii) Applied Electronics and Communication (AEC) (viii) Instrumentation (ix) Electronics & Instrumentation (x) Instrumentation & Control (xi) Applied Electronics & Instrumentation (xii) Power Engineering (xiii) Power Electronics.	45	Men and Women (maximum of 09 vacancies for women)	02 Jan 2001 to 01 Jul 2006
	(j)	Naval Constructor	BE/B.Tech with minimum 60% marks in the following streams :- (i) Mechanical/ Mechanical with Automation (ii) Civil Engineering (iii) Aeronautical Engineering (iv) Aero Space Engineering (v) Metallurgy (vi) Naval Architecture (vii) Ocean Engineering (viii) Marine Engineering (ix) Ship Technology (x) Ship Building (xi) Ship Design	18	Men and Women	02 Jan 2001 to 01 Jul 2006

Note (1)

(a) Vacancies mentioned in para 2 are tentative and may be changed depending on availability of training slots.

(b) **Submarine Arm.**

(i) Male Candidates shortlisted for GS(X), GS(Engineering) and GS(Electrical) are also eligible to volunteer for submarine arm subject to medical fitness, vacancies and service requirements. Candidates exercising option for these branches will have to additionally indicate option for submarine specialisation while filling the online application form.

(ii) Eventual selection/ nomination to undergo submarine specialisation will be subject to clearing submarine medicals (after joining INA) and service requirements.

(iii) Submarine allowance will be admissible to candidates post successful completion of submarine training in accordance with extant rules.

(c) **Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Specialisation**. Candidates selected under GS(X) may be nominated to undergo specialisation in RPA (after completion of training at INA), subject to medical fitness and service requirements.

(d) ***Merchant Navy Personnel**.

(i) Candidates having Government of India, Ministry of Shipping & Transport Certificate of Competency (Foreign going) either as a Second Mate, Mate or Master and born between **02 Jan 1996 to 01 Jul 2006 (both dates inclusive)** can apply for Executive Branch entry (General Service) as per stipulations stated at Para 2(a).

(ii) Candidates having Government of India, Ministry of Shipping & Transport Certificate of Competency as 1st class Engineer of a steamship by the Govt and born between **02 Jan 1996 to 01 Jul 2006 (both dates inclusive)** can apply for Technical Branch entry (SSC Engineering) as per stipulations stated at Para 2(g).

(e) ****Commercial Pilot License (CPL) Holders.** Candidates having valid CPL issued by DGCA (India) and born between **02 Jan 2001 to 01 Jan 2007** (both dates inclusive) can apply for Pilot entry as per eligibility criteria stated at Para 2(b).

(f) **NCC Candidates**. NCC 'C' certificate holders will be given relaxation of 5% in cut off marks towards shortlisting for SSB subject to meeting following criteria: -

(i) Having NCC 'C' certificate of Naval/Army/Air Wing with minimum 'B' Grade.
(ii) Not served less than two academic years in the Senior Division, Naval/Army/Air Wing of the NCC.
(iii) 'C' certificate should not be dated prior to 01 Jan 2023.

Note (2) The final selection will be subject to verification of the certificate by DGNCC/ concerned NCC unit for its validity. Candidature of individual will be cancelled at any stage of selection/ training/ post-commissioning, in case of false declaration, misinformation or concealing of information.

3. Who Can Apply?

- Candidates who have graduated/ post-graduated or in the final year with minimum 60% marks in aggregate or equivalent CGPA.
- The university for the above mentioned should be incorporated by an Act of Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institutions established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed as Universities/Autonomous Universities under UGC Act 1956; IIT Act, 1961; AICTE Act, 1987; NITSER Act, 2007;IIIT Act, 2014.

OR

- Candidates who have obtained a degree in Engineering with 60% marks in aggregate or equivalent CGPA/System from such foreign university/ college/ institution.
- The university/ college/ institution should be recognised by the Government of India for the purpose or Engineering Degree/equivalence certificate from Association of Indian Universities established under AIU, Act 1973, can apply.

Note (3)

(a) The candidate will be required to fulfil the educational qualification stipulated above before joining INA, Ezhimala by Jan 2026.
(b) The candidate failing to meet stipulated educational criteria will not be permitted to join INA, Ezhimala.
(c) All SSB recommended candidates would be required to inform their final result of respective degree to Indian Navy at the email ID **officer@navy.gov.in** prior 20 Dec 25.

Note (4)

(a) Only one application can be filled by a candidate.
(b) **Specified number of candidates based on service requirement, who have chosen SSC (Pilot) entry will be considered for SSB/ CPSS/ Aviation Medical Examination** and are advised to check physical/ medical standards (Height, leg length etc) for this entry prior selecting this option. Remaining candidates will be considered for other preferences opted by them.
(c) Candidates must indicate their preference for other branches/ cadres also, if they wish to be considered for those branches/ cadres.
(d) Candidates will not be considered for branches/ cadres that they have not selected.
(e) **Pilot/ NAOO allowance of Rs 31,250/- will be admissible to candidates post successful completion of training.**
(f) Candidates are advised to ascertain their eligibility for branches/ cadres, with respect to applicable **medical standards**, prior to indicating their preference.
(g) No equivalent stream of BE/ B.Tech qualifications other than those mentioned in para 2 (f), (g), (h) and (j) above, will be considered valid for selection process at any stage.

4. **Medical standards/ Relaxation in Height and Weight/ Tattoo**. Please visit website **www.joinindiannavy.gov.in** for information. SSB recommended candidates are required to undergo medical examination as applicable to their entry. **Change of medical hospital/ centre is not permissible under any circumstances.**

5. **Tenure of Commission**. Selected candidates will be granted Short Service Commission initially for 12 years extendable by maximum 02 years, subject to service requirement, performance, medical eligibility and willingness of candidates.

6. **Selection Procedure**. The selection procedure is as follows:-

(a) Shortlisting of application will be based on normalised marks obtained by the candidates in the qualifying degree. Marks obtained by the candidates in the qualifying degree will be normalised using formulae mentioned in Join Indian Navy website (URL:- https://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in/files/normalisation.pdf)
(b) **BE/ B.Tech**. For candidates who have completed or in final year of BE/ B.Tech, marks obtained upto fifth semester will be considered for SSB shortlisting.
(c) **Post-Graduate Degree Programme**. For candidates who have completed MSc, MCA, MBA, M.Tech, marks obtained in all semesters will be considered. For candidates who are in final year, shortlisting will be based on pre-final year performance.
(d) Candidates selected in the final merit list will be required to submit the proof of completing the qualifying degree with minimum 60% marks by sending an email at the address officer@navy.gov.in . Candidates failing to meet the criteria will not be permitted to join the Academy.
(e) Shortlisted candidates will be informed about their selection for SSB interview through e-mail or SMS (provided by candidates in their application form). Candidates are **advised not to change their e-mail/ mobile number** till selection process is over and check their inbox and spam folder periodically.
(f) Change of SSB Centre for interview is not permissible under any circumstances.
(g) Any correspondence regarding change of SSB dates be addressed to the call up officer of the concerned SSB on receipt of call up letter. Candidates are to download the call up letter on receiving intimation from Naval Headquarters through SMS/ email (provided by candidates in their application).
(h) No compensation is admissible in case of any injury sustained as a result of tests during SSB interviews.
(j) AC 3 tier rail fare is admissible for the SSB interview, if appearing for the first time for particular type of commission. Candidates are required to bring photocopy of the first page of pass book or cheque leaf where the name, A/C No. & IFSC details are mentioned, while appearing for SSB.
(k) Details of SSB procedure are available on Indian Navy website **www.joinindiannavy.gov.in**

7. **Merit List**. Merit list will be prepared based on SSB marks for all entries as per availability of vacancies and medical clearance for respective entry. Candidates declared fit in medical examination would be appointed as per availability of vacancies in the entry.

8. **Training**.

(a) Candidates will be inducted in the rank of Sub Lieutenant subject to clearing of induction medical examination at INA, Ezhimala post reporting.
(b) Only unmarried candidates are eligible for training. Any candidate who is found to be married or marries while under training will be discharged from service and shall be liable to refund full pay and allowances drawn by him/ her and other expenditure incurred on the candidate by the Government.
(c) If the officer voluntarily withdraws from initial training or resigns during the probationary period, he/ she shall be required to refund the cost of training in whole or in part, as may be determined by Govt and all money received by him/ her as pay and allowances from the Govt together with the interest on the said money calculated at the rate in force for Govt loans.

9. **Probation Period.** Probation period for SSC (NAIC) Officers is three years and for officers of other branches/cadres is two years. The probation period will commence from the date of grant of the rank of Sub Lieutenant and will terminate after three years for SSC(NAIC) and two years for other branches/cadres or on completion of initial training (whichever is later). During probation the officers are liable to be discharged in case of unsatisfactory performance at any stage.

10. **Pay and Allowances/Group Insurance & Gratuity/ Leave Entitlements/ Duties of Officers**. The initial gross salary of Sub Lieutenant starts from **Rs 1,10,000/-** (approximately) per month along with other allowances as applicable. Further details are available on Indian Navy website **www.joinindiannavy.gov.in**

11. **How to Apply**. Candidates are to register and fill application on Indian Navy website **www.joinindiannavy.gov.in.** To save time during the application submission window, candidates can fill in their details and upload documents in advance. The online submission of application is as under:-

(a) Whilst filling up the e-application, it is advisable to keep the relevant documents readily available to enable the following:-

(i) **Correct filling up of personal particulars. Details are to be filled up as given in the Matriculation Certificate**.

(ii) Fields such as e-mail address, mobile number are mandatory fields and need to be filled.

(b) All relevant documents (preferably in original), marks sheets upto 5th & 7th semester for regular and integrated BE/ B.Tech courses respectively and all semesters for other degree examination, date of birth proof (as per 10th & 12th certificate), CGPA conversion formula for BE/ B.Tech, Merchant Navy certificate issued by Government of India, Ministry of Shipping and Transport, NCC 'C' certificate issued by National Cadet Corps and a recent passport size colour photograph should be scanned in original JPG/TIFF format, for attaching the same while filling up the application.

(c) **If any scanned document is not legible/ readable for any reason, the application will be rejected**. Candidates are to take print out of application and carry it while appearing for SSB interview.

(d) **The application once submitted will be final and no request for amendments/change will be entertained.**

Note (5)

(a) Please read the instructions given on the website carefully before finally submitting your online application.
(b) Your candidature will be cancelled if any declaration is found wrong at any stage of selection.
(c) Use/ possession of narcotics is banned. Candidate may be tested for presence of drugs in the body during SSB selection/ medical/ training and subsequently during service. If candidate is found to be using/ in-possession of narcotics during any time of selection/ medical/ training/ service, candidate would be debarred from joining the Indian Navy or be removed from service if already joined.
(d) **Your application is subject to subsequent scrutiny and the application can be rejected, if found INELIGIBLE/ INVALID at any point of time.**

(**NOTE: Scan this QR Code to apply online.)**